NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1880.

WORK BEFORE THE CONVENTIONS. METHODS BY WHICH THE GRANT MEN HOPE TO CONTROL THE CHICAGO CONVENTION-THE BLAINE MEN NOT DISHEARTENED-COLORADO

CONVENTION. \* The Grant leaders have arranged to keep control of the Chicago Convention by forcing the unit rule on all questions upon delegations from States in which it was adopted. Senator Cameron and his sub-committee will decide who shall be admitted to the Exposition Building, both as delegates and spectators. Mr. Cameron is already on the ground. William E. Chandler is in Chicago, and is confident as ever of the nomination of Senator Blaine. The Colorado Republican Convention was conducted according to caucus prearrangement and a protest from the Chaffee County delegation was disregarded. The Delaware Democratic Convention instructed its delegates for Senator Bayard.

STARTLING PLAN OF THE GRANT LEADERS. TACITICS BY WHICH THEY EXPECT TO SECURE BOTH

THE TEMPORARY AND THE PERMANENT CHAIR-MAN OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION-AN AT-TEMPT TO BE MADE TO ENFORCE THE UNIT RULE AT THE VERY OUTSET.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Washington, May 25.—It is known here that the

Grant leaders have arranged the following plan for the control of the Chicago Convention: Of course Senator Cameron, when he calls

the Convention together, will be obliged to nominate for temporary chairman whomsoever National Committee selects; but it arranged to have some leading Grant delegate move to substitute the name of a Grant man for the place. On that there will have to be a vote by the Convention, and an attempt will be made to enforce the unit rule when that vote is taken. Naturally some delegates from Pennsylvania, New-York and other States will insist on voting differently from the majority of their delegations from those States; but Senator Cameron. who will be in the chair, will decide that the unit rule is binding upon all delegations representing States in which it was adopted. If the anti-Grant men appeal from this decision and a vote is taken upon the appeal, Senator Cameron will decide again that the unit rule must be enforced in this vote

The Grant men have been talking about this programme freely, and assert, with the greatest apparent confidence, that by the help of Senator Cameron and the unit rule they will not only get a temporary chairman, but also that when it comes to the choice of permanent chairman they will secure him likewise by the same kind of tactics.

SENATOR CAMERON'S METHODS. A PRECONCERTED PLAN TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE

ton, Blaine's friends were in the majority. They, however, recognizing the great ability of Senator Cameron as a leader, elected him chairman. A Blaine member then moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with the chairman and | Convention then took a recess until 2 o'clock this secretary, making five in all, to have charge of the afternoon. It seems probable that a solid Grant seating and of other arrangements of the Conven- delegation to the National Convention will be tion. William E. Chandler, representing Blaine, suggested the name and asked the appointment of General Averill, of Minnesota. It was also anggested that James P. Root, the local representative at Chicago of the National Committee, and a Blaine man, should be on the committee, and that the third man should be John C. New, of Indiana. After this expression of the wish of the committee, on motion of Mr. Stone, of Iowa, a Blaine man, Don Cameron, the chairman, was empowered to make the appointments.

In total disregard, however, of the instructions of the committee, he appointed John C. New, Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis, and Clayton, of Arkansas, all Grant men, making with the chairman himself and Secretary Keough, a solid Grant committee, And these five men are now here carrying out the "bullthese nive men are now here carrying out the "bull-dozing" plan on which the campaign had hithertobeen conducted by the Grant interest, trying to take forcible possession of the plans and print the tickets, in violation of all precedent; and their purpose is to pack the galleries with the Grant men of Illinois and Missouri, in order to create "a spontaneous enthusiasm," like that which has carried the day for them in Illinois, New-York and Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania.

Wm.E.Chandler arrived to-day, full of vigor, confidence and determination. He does not agree that the Grant faction will nominate their candidate on the first or on any other ballot, but on the contrary is firmly convinced that the third term will receive rushing rebuke a week from to-morrow, and will

[GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.] CHICAGO, May 25 .- Senator Cameron arrived from the East to-night and registered at the Palmer House. The National Republican Sub-Committee, composed of Powell Clayton, of Arkansas: John C. New, of Indiana, and Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis, of which Senator Cameron and Thomas B. Keogh, of South Carolina, are ex officio members, is now in the city superintending the final arrangements at the Exposition building. These are nearly completed. The exact seating capacity of the building is not yet ascertained; but to-day it was decided to allow reventeen and a half inches for each person. This will give a capacity for from 10,000 to 12,000. The scats will all be numbered, with tickets to correspond. The computtee visited the building to-day, and examined the supports and tried the acoustics of the hall. When the hammering was hushed a speaker on the stage could be heard in the remotest part. .The acoustics will be thoroughly tested

part. The acoustics will be thoroughly tested by means of concerts to be held in the building the clast three nights of this week. The Local Executive Committee held a meeting this afternoon and decided to turn over the building to the National Sub-Committee, which will have entire control of the issue of tickets.

William E. Chandler, of New-Hampshire, arrived to-day, and his quarters at the Grand Pacific became at once the centre for the supporters of Mr. Blaine. In the evening it was decided to have one section of the Blaine headquarters at the Burdick House, at Wabash ave. and Adamsst., within one block of the Exposition Building, for convenience. A few delegates and a good many politicians have arrived, but the rush is not expected to fairly set in before Saturday.

PREPARING TO GO TO CHICAGO

ARRANGEMENTS OF DELEGATES AND THEIR FRIENDS The Republican Campaign Club of this city will be well represented at Chicago. Sheridan Shook, D. D. T. Marshall and A. J. Dittenhoefer have completed the arrangements for transporting those members of the organization who propose to go to Chicago. A special train on the Eric Railway will leave Jersey City on Friday at 7 p. m., and run right through to Chicago. There will probably be from 160 to 170 passengers. Mr. Shook has already received assurances from seventy-two delogates and thirty-six alternates signifying their sion bill. The bill gives the Mayor (Democrat) and the intention of going. Thurlow Weed expected Controller (Republican) the power to appoint the heads

will travel by easy stages to Chicago. The delegation will have rooms at the Palmor House. If Mr. Weed's health permits, he will present to the Convention a set

health permits, he will present to the Convention a set of resolutions opposing the nomination of General Grant, prevared by the anti-Grant delegation from this city.

About 100 anti-Grant men, including delegates, will leave Brooklyn Friday evening for the West. Sheriff Dasgett and some friends have already gone.

A meeting of the Committee of Arrangements of the Grant wing of the Remublican party in this city was held last evening in the Lincolu Club rooms. It was reported that about 300 persons would leave this city, including delegates and alternates. This number will be increased from the interior of the State. The party will start Saturday morning in a special train over the New-York Central Railroad. The arrangements are under the churge of a committee composed of exaliderman Biglin, John J. O'Brien, Alderman Jacobus and others. A considerable number of the Grant delegates and others will remain and participate in the observances of Decoration Pay and start for Chicago Monday evening.

ALABAMA NOT SOLID FOR GRANT. EX-SENATOR WILLARD WARNER THROWS LIGHT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE CONVENTION. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

TECUMSEH, Ala., May 25.—Alabama is not solid for Grant. Gov. Smith and myself were elected by this District to the National Convention. We defied the State Convention to instruct or remove. The Convention voted us out, and voted in two others, one of whom was beaten in the District Convention. The State Convention recognized the right of the Districts to elect by calling on them for a report of the delegates elected. Then it required a pledge to vote for Grant, which being given, confirmation was voted. Other delegates will refuse instructions from the State Convention. Under the unit rule Alabama may be solid against Grant. The end is not yet, and it is too soon to count the votes. Horne, of the Washington Grant bureau, was the most influential man at Selma, and was driven from the WILLARD WARNER.

CAMERON'S RECORD ON THE UNIT RULE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, May 25.—The allusions in THE TRIBUNE of to-day to the breaking of the unit rule" by the present Senator Cameron and his friends, in the National Convention of 1868, have led to an examination of its proceedings. It appears that on the first ballot there were four bolting delegates from Pennsylvania, on the second eight and on the third twelve. After the third ballot Governor Curtin was withdrawn, and the bolters were victorious.

COLORADO REPUBLICANS. THE GRANT MEN IN CONTROL OF THE CONVENTION

-PROTEST FROM THE CHAFFEE COUNTY DELE-DENVER, Col., May 25 .- The Republican State Convention met here this morning, and was called to order by ex-Gov-ernor Routt, chairman of the State Central Committee. Colonel John Cleghorn, a Grant man, was made temperary chairman. Pending a motion

to appoint a Committee on Credentials, a delegate from Chaffee County offered the following:

from Chaffee County offered the following:

Whereas, a Republican canens was in session last night for the purpose of determining the work in to-day's Convention: and

Whereas, We, eighty-one delegates to this Convention, representing Republican counties which cast in 1878 1.700 of the 2.700 majority received by the Republican candidate for Governor, were not only not invited to said canens, but were absolutely excluded therefrom on application for admission, simply because of not pronouncing a regular pass-word, never before required at a Republican cancus; therefore

A PRECONCERTED PLAN TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE CONVENTION AND PACK THE GALLERIES WITH GRANT MEN—MR. CHANDLER CHEERFUL AND CONFIDENT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE FRIBUNE.]

CHICAGO, May 25.—As it now appears to be fully settled that the National Sub-Committee on Arrangement of Seats and Scating in the Convention have the power, and will exercise it, of giving the Grant men all the precedence, even to distributing tickets to outsiders who are in favor of Grant, it may be well to inquire into the method by which this came about.

It is well known that when the National Committee of the Republican party met in Washington Blaine's friends were in the majority. They,

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The resolutions were not entertained. A motion to raise a Committee on Credentials was agreed to, and a committee, largely composed of Grant delegates, was appointed. The

THE RHODE ISLAND GOVERNORSHIP. ALFRED H. LITTLEFIELD ELECTED GOVERNOR BY THE LEGISLATURE, AND H. H. FAY LIEUTENANT-

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25 .- The General saembly ceassembled in Grand Committee at Newport this afternoon, when the Counting Committee reported that for Governor, Alfred H. Littlefield (Rep.) had 10,224; Horace A. Kimball (Dem.), 7,440; Albert C. Howard (Prohib.), 5,047; scattering, 98; no choice. For Lieutenant-Governor, Henry H. Fay (Rep.) had 10,205; Stephen P. Slocum (Dem.), 7.563; H. H. Richardson, (Pro.), 4.447; scattering, 81; no choice. The Republican candidates for Secretary of State, Attorney General and General Treasurer were elected by over 7,600 majority.

The General Committee thereupon proceeded to elect Governor and Lieutenant-Governor from the constitu tional candidates-those having the highest number of

Votes.

For Gorcrnor-Alfred II. Littlefield received 82 votes and Horace H. Kimball 50. Mr. Littlefield was thereupon declared elected.

For Lieutenant-Gorernor-H. H. Fay received 81 votes against 8. P. Slooum's 28, and was declared elected.

Mesers. Littlefield and Fay appeared, were duly received, and took their scats. Governor Van Zandt on retiring from the chair, made a pleasant speech of welcome to his successors, to which Governor Littlefield made a felicitous response. Official proclamations were made from the balcony of the State House, and were saluted by artillery. The new Governor was then escorted to his quarters, the Assembly maving adjourned until tomorrow.

VETERANS OPPOSED TO GRANT. OVER 10,000 OUT OF 12,000 MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN ANDERSONVILLE SURVIVORS' ASSOCI-

ATION AGAINST THE RENOMINATION OF THE EX-

PRESIDENT. Felix Le Baume, of No. 120 Randolph-st., Chicago, president of the Western Andersonville Survivors' Association, was in this city a few days ago, and, in conversation with a friend, said that of 12.000 enrolled members of the association, 12.000 enroiled members of the association, over 10,000 are opposed to the nomination of General Grant. He explained that he was able to make the statement because he had received eletters from that number of members, most of whom wanted Blaine nominated. The friend says that Mr. Le Baume has in his possession the names and residences of all the members of the association who have written to him in opposition to General Grant's nomination, and can produce them if necessary.

NEW-JERSEY DEMOCRATS UNCOMMITTED. TRENTON, N. J., May 25 .- The New-Jersey delegation to Cincinnati met to-day at the Trentor House pursuant to notice. The meeting was organized by electing Rufus Blodgett temporary chairman. Attorney-General Stockton was elected chairman of the dele gation. He said that on the wisdom of the Cincinnati Convention the future of the country depended, and the delegation from New-Jersey might have much influence in directing the choice if the spirit that actuated the Convention which chose them controlled the conduct of the delegates. The Convention would not have elected any man supposed to be committed to the fortunes of any candidate, and the delegation, he doubted not,

any candidate, and the delegation, he doubted not, would remain uncommitted until they had an opportunity of conferring with the delegates from all the States in Cincinnati.

Mr. Cieveland was elected vice-chairman, and in a few remarks fully indursed the views of Mr. Stockton.

Mr. Zeulick was elected secretary.

The question of adopting the unit rule was discussed, but no action was taken thereon, it being the unanimous expression of opinion that it was unwise and unnecessary to adopt it, as the delegation would vote harmoniously for the man that could win.

DISCUSSING THE SINGLE HEAD BILL. There was considerable excitement in political circles in Brooklyn yesterday over the passage by the State Senate of the so-called Single Head Commis-

THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE, to .go last night or this morning. He of the Fire, Police, Excise and City Works Departments. Three Commissioners are now at the head of each of these departments. In case the Mayor and the Controller fail to agree upon a Commissioner within ten days after the bill is signed by Governor Cornell, the Auditor (Republican) decides the question between them. Spec ulation was rife as to who the new Commissioners will be. John French and ex-Alderman Richardson were mentioned as candidates for the Commissionership of Public Works, Police Commissioner Oliver B. Leich for the Excise Commissionership, and Jacob Worth, of the Board of Public Works, for the Fire Commissionership. The feeling on the part of the Republicans was one of exultation because there was a prospect that the patronace of the City Government would be more evenly distributed than it has been heretofore. It was thought that the effect of the bill would be to deprive "Boss" McLaughlin of the power be wields, and consequently the Democrats were much depressed in spirits.

CALIFORNIA CLAIMED FOR FIELD. Washington, May 25.-A private dispatch received at the Capitol here from a prominent Democratic politician in San Francisco says: "The California dele-gation to the National Convention stands 9 for Judge Field and 3 doubtful. The Convention adopted a resolution that a majority of delegates shall cast the vote of the State."

BAYARD IN FAVOR AT HOME.

Dover, Del., May 25 .- The indications this norning were that there would be quite a lively fight between the Saulsbury and Bayard factions attending the Democratic State Convention, but when that body was organized everthing went off smoothly and quietly Charles B. Lore, of Wilmington, was elected temporary chairman, and the temporary organization was subse quently made permanent. Delegates to Cincinnati were

A resolution instructing the delegation to vote for Senator Bayard for President was adopted, as was also senator Bayard for President was adopted, as was also one recommending the National Convention to adhere to the two-thirds rule. The proceedings were not once interrupted by objections or debate, and lasted only about two hours.

The delegation to Cincinnati, it is believed, will vote as a unit for Mr. Bayard, notwithstanding the fact that some of the members are personally autagonistic to him.

#### EXPLOSION OF AN OIL TANK.

HEAVY LOSS OF PROPERTY.

OIL WORKS IN BROOKLYN ON FIRE-THE FLAME

Denslow & Bush's oil works, on Willard's Dock, at Twentyfifth-st. and Third-ave., Brooklyn, took fire at half-past 12 o'clock this morning. A tank exploded at a quarter before 1 o'clock, and the explosion was at first reported to have killed and wounded a number of men. The flames extended to a schooner and to Adams's lumber yard.

The following details were received at 3 a. m., and too la for the Piret Edition

Later .- The fire at 2 a. m. was still raging flercely, and it is estimated that the loss will reach at least \$200,000. The two tanks, each containing 500 barrels of oil, are still burning in the treating-house, where the first explosion of gas took place. The report was very sharp, men were directed toward keeping the fire left a ship and a brig in imminent dan ger of being destroyed. The greater part of R. W. Adams's lumber on the Twenty fifth-st, wharf was totally destroyed.

Bush & Denslow's oil refinery supplied work to nearly 500 men. A schoozer which was loaded with oil at their wharf was burned to the water's edge, the masts falling with a loud crash. The report that seven men had been burned to death was denied.

The fire presented a magnificent spectacle and was watched by thousands. At 3 a. m. there seemed to be a fair prospect that the flames would not spread to the other tanks,

## A BOWERY MUSEUM DAMAGED.

The Dime Museum at No. 298 Bowery caught is supposed that a spark from an elevated railroad engine was blown through an open window into th third story. When the firemen arrived the upper stories third story. When the firemen arrived the upper stories were burning flercely, and the fire was brought under control with much trouble. The building, the property of Mrs. Georgiana English, of Garden City, L. L. was damaged to the extent of \$500. Its contents, chiefly wax figures and stuffed curiosities, were damaged, if is claimed, \$9,000, but this figure is probably input too high. The Insurance amounts to \$5,000. A steam "orchestra" on the fourth floor was considerably injured. None of the "living curiosities" was in the building, and a watchman who slept on the second floor excaped uninjured. The nuscum is managed by Francis M. Uffaer and George Middleton. Just a year and the museum was burned out at hight, and several persons barely saved their lives.

WHAT THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE WOMEN SAY,

Bostov, May 25 .- The New-England Wonan Suffrage Association, this morning, adopte a series of resolutions, declaring that the disfranchis ment of one-half the people on account of sex is a griev ment of one-man are people of account of set is a gree ous positive and industrie; that agitation is the only way by which to awaken the people to a proper appreciation of the fact; that a Suffrage Convention shall be held it each New England State during the ensuing year; and that the granting of school suffrage to women is a con-cession of the whole principle of woman suffrage.

## THE MILTON SUFFERERS.

THE TRIBUNE has received the following additional subscriptions for the Milton sufferers: A Thunk-offering, \$2; Ida, Dayton, \$1; Cash, \$1; prevents acknowledged, \$137; total, \$141. This Tainers has also received one case for the sufferers from W. 1

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES,

THE NEWFOUNDLAND SEAL FISHERY, HALIFAX, N. S., May 25.—It is estimated that he total catch of the Newfoundland scal fishery will not ex-sed 250,000 scals.

A BARK LAUNCHED.

PORTLAND, Mr., May 25.—The bark Carrie Winlow, of 944 tons burden, was launched at East Decring to driven the support of J. S. Winslow & Co.

from the shippard of J. S. Winstow & Co.

PROFITS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ROAD.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The net errieurs of the
Pennsylvania Halfrond, cast of Pittsburg and Eric, for April
were \$404.554 larger than in April, 1879.

THE WEST PIINT COURT OF INQUIRY.

POUGHIKEEPSIP, N. Y., May 25.—A special disparch
to The Eagle from West Point save that the Whitaker Court
of Inquiry will not meet unit Friday, May 28 at 10 a. m.

AID FOR THE MILTON SUFFERERS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The subscriptions in
this city to add the sufferers by the Milton from a meunt to
\$31,500, of which there is still a balance in hand of \$15,000.

STRIKE OF TROW WORKERS.

STRIKE OF IRON WORKERS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—The tron mills and furnaces of the Kensington District, in this city, employing about 1,200 men, are now little in consequence of a reduction of wages.

DECORATING CONFEDERATE GRAVES.

FREDERICK-BURG, Va., May 25.—The annua memorial observance in honor of the Confederate dead was best here this afternoon. A large assemblage sugaged is strewing the graves with flowers.

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THE BALTIMORE BACES,

BALTIMORE, May 25.—At the Spring meeting the Marriand Jockey Club to-day the first race was run Nellie D., the second by Emily F., the third by Glenothe fourth by Checkmate, and the fifth by Governor Hampic SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

NEW-ORLEANS, May 25.—The Southern yachi
regatia occurred to day. Cyanus came in first, Startle second
and albertine third. Time of race was 2 hours, 23 minutes
5 seconds. The course was fitteen miles and the weather

The property of the control of Judge Colle's Case.

DES MOINES, IOWN, May 25 — The trial of Judge Colle, for disharrent in the United States Courts, set for to day, came to a saident ending. Judge Cole, having made a possible resemble of the United States Court, the case was disher members of the United States Court, the case was disher members of the United States Court, the case was disher members of the United States Court, the case was disher members of the United States Court, the case was disher members of the United States Court, the case was disherenced.

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RAILROAD ELECTION IN NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., May 25.—The annual meeting of the United New-Jersey Italized and Canal Companies was held in this city to-day. The following were chosen directors: Mesers John C. Barrow, William Bucknell, John Jacob Asin, A. L. Donnis, Benjamin Fish, samuel Welsh, Ashbel Welsh, R. F. Sieckto, John G. Stevens, Thomas Mc-Kean, Isaac W. Scudder, and Houert L. Rennedy.

A LIVELY DAY IN CONGRESS.

REMOVING THE ELECTION SAFEGUARDS. THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY OF SILENCE BROKEN-AN OVERSTOCK OF SHIVER DOLLARS-COLONEL

FINLEY'S GUILT. There was a stirring debate in the Senate esterday over the bill in regard to Supervisors of Election; the Democratic policy of removing all the safeguards surrounding the ballotboxes was strongly denounced Although the Treasury vaults are overstocked with silver doilars, the Democrats in the House have refused an appropriation for storage. becoming established, apparently, that Colonel Finley was the author of the anonymous

A WARM DEBATE IN THE SENATE. THE SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION BILL-A DEFIANT

note sent Chairman Springer.

PROMPTLY MET. IST TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE! EWASHINGTON, May 25.—The Senate has to-day levoted itself with patriotic singleness of purpose o the work of formulating issues for the campaign The terrible things hurled across the aisle which eparates the two parties from each other in the

Senate were strong reminders of the stirring scenes of the extra session, but the tender avoidance of personal allusions of a painful nature, and the general undercurrent of merriment and good fellowship, features which will not appear in The Record bore evidence to the mollifying effects of the long ntervening season of quiet. Senator Bayard brought up his bill fixing a limit

o the term of chief supervisors of election, and subnitted an amendment to it, providing that the terms of the present chief supervisors should expire on the first of next July. His attention was called to the fact that this would leave the country without supervisors for the election, whereupon, with a great show of fairness, he signified his willingness to accept an amendment giving the President the right to fill vacancies temporarily, during the recess of Congress.

This defect in the bill was its most conspicuous feature, and it was no doubt designed for the pur oose of having one point to give away to the Repub-

when Mr. Thurman offered an amendment making all present chief supervisors ineligible for reappoint-

The debate became interesting and general a once. It covered the whole series of political events luring the period of reconstruction, and ranging from tissue ballots and the abolition of polling slaces in South Carolina, to the massacres at Cou-

Senator Teller, to whom these matters are as household words, was the chief speaker. He assaited the Democracy as a party unmercifully. He wound

the Democracy as a party immercifully. He wound the Democracy as a party immercifully. He wound during the present Congress, and did not dare to do anything—not even to go into cancus upon any measure of public importance. They were a unit only in regard to the removal of such safeguards as still remained around the ballot box.

This brought Senator Voorhees to his feet, and very soon the whole Democratic scheme of silence was given away. He would not allow any man to date him or the Democratic party to discuss any question. He defied the Senator from Colorado, or the Senator from New-York, or the Senator from Vermont to mention any subject of public importance which the Democracy had been afraid to discuss or had avoided.

Both Senator/Conkling and Senator Edmunds were on their feet trying to accept the Senator's pointed challenge, but the more they tried the louder Senator Voorhees shouted. When an opportunity was offered, and a half dozen or more measures which the Democracy had conspicuously Javoided talking about, were mentioned, Senator Voorhees changed the subject, and entered upon a brief discussion of the merits of the Bayard bill.

The debate ended good naturedly, and will be resumed to-morrow.

WHO WROTE THE ANONYMOUS NOTE! STRONG EVIDENCE THAT COLONIL FINLEY IS THE GUILTY PERSON-EXPERT TESTIMONY AGAINST

OUT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, May 25 .- Mr. E. H. Rauch, of Mauch Chunk, Penn., who is a noted expert in handwriting, has been summoned to appear before the House Committee which is charged with the duty ding out who wrote that anonymous letter to hairman Springer, of the Elections Committee Mr. Rauch sent a written report on the subject

Finley must have written the letter. A letter was received from him to-day, in which he says:

received from him to-day, in which he says:

I have more minutely examined the papers, and I found new and very important points not stated in my paper—all strengthening me in the firm belief that Finley wrote the letter in question. Indeed, the new points I have since found, together with those stated already, I regard as conclusive—almost as well satisfied as if I had seen Finley write the letter.

I fully apprechate the importance of great caution in coming to a conclusion in regard to the very delicate subject of handwriting, and the danger of doing gross injustice to individuals under accusation, but in this case it seems to me hardly possible to err.

Mr. McLennan, of the Treasury Department, who

Mr. McLennan, of the Treasury Department, who was examined yesterday, also testified that after a horough examination he was satisfied that Colonel Finley was the writer of the anonymous letter. The matter begins to look decidedly dark for the redoubtable Colonel Finley.

AN OVERSTOCK OF SILVER DOLLARS. TO PLACE TO STORE THE ACCUMULATIONS-THE DEMOCRATS REFUSE AN APPROPRIATION.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Washington, May 25.—The Democrats in Con-gress having compelled the Secretary of the Treasury o cause about 250 car-loads of short-weight Isilver ollars to be coined, which the people refuse to take when they can avoid it, now seem determined hat the Government shall have no place in which to store its accumulation or clipped coin. In the House to-day all the Democrats except three voted gainst an appropriation to increase the vault apacity of the Sub-Treasuries, and it was defeated. Silver dollars are being coined at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month under the law, and the Secreary of the Treasury has no place in which to store

them safely. The Democrats refuse either to proide such a place or to stop the coinage. Perhaps the United States marshals, who have Perhaps the United States marshais, who have to accept silver dollars for their fees; but the Dem-berals refuse to appropriate money for them on any terms. They also continue to neglect to make any provision for the payment of internal revenue officers, or for the lighting of the post-offices and other public buildings.

The Treasury is running over with money, but a Democratic (Congress refuses to appropriate any of it for the most necessary purposes above mentioned.

NOMINATIONS.

Washington, May 25 .- The President this afternoon sent to the Senate the following nominations:

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\*Postmasferz-A: G. Vreeland, Salamanca, M. Y.: James W.
Patterson, Hills-brough, Ohio; William, P. Case, Logan,
Ohio; Robert Ray, Jr., Monroe, La.; Fran G. Baptist, West
Point, Mas.

\*Army fromoflons-Assistant Surgeon Geo, P. Jagnett,
to be Shrzeon, United States Army; Second-Licutemant Jos. S.
Oyster, to be First-Licutemant, 1st. United States Artillery;
First-Licutemant Allen Smith, to be Capital, lat United States
Infantry; Capitan Leelle Smith, to be Major 2d United States
Infantry.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 25, 1880. At the Cabinet Session to-day, a request from the outborn Pacific Railroad in California, for military

Southern Pacific Raifrond in California, for minitary aid in executing the Marshal's process to secure their lands, which have been occupied by softiers, was referred to the Attorney General.

The Catizens' Committee of Arrangements for the five-mile champion race between Haulan and Riley beld their final meeting this evening, and perfected arrangements for the race. The purse of \$2,000 has been raised, and every indication points to a bena fide race upon the merits of the contestants. An effort was made to sell pools this evening, and only a few were bid off at odds of 10 to 4 on Hanian.

The Wars and Means Committee of the House gave as

The Ways and Means Committee of the House gave a hearing to-day upon the matter of the Reading Railroad ertificates of indebtedness. It is claimed by the Government that they are liable to an internal revenue tax of 10 per cent, while the officers of the road deny their manifers. The amount involved aggregates about

\$400,000. Commissioner Raum appeared for the Internal Revenue Department and made an argument, and was followed by F. B. Gowen, pre-ident of the Reading Raifroad, and L. Myers, of Philadelphia, on the other side.

WALL STREET AGAIN EXCITED.

A MORNING OF GREAT DEPRESSION. HEAVY DECLINES IN STOCES AND PEARS OF PANIC IN THE FORENOON-A MARKED CHANGE

FOR THE BETTER IN THE LATER HOURS. The great excitement in Wall Street consequent upon the heavy fall in the coal stocks continued through the early hours of business yesterday. These stocks suffered a further heavy decline, and at times there were serious fears of a panic. The decline was extended to other stocks.

The sudden; changes in price were attended with much excitement, and there was a strong probability, when matters were at their worst, that the panie of last November would be repeated. The market, however, took a sudden turn upward under vigorous buying, and the early losses were recovered generally before the close of business. Rumors in regard to the financial condition of prominent operators were freely circulated during the depression. But no failures were announced, and the reports of the embarrassments of leading operators could not be verified. That large losses have been suffered during last few weeks is beyond doubt, but they appear to have fallen chiefly but they appear to have fallen chiefly on men who are able to bear them. Of one large house it was said last evening that it had bought during the day certainly 150,000 shares of stock. Most of this enormous purchase was made, it was admitted, to cover "short" accounts: but the dealings of this house were nearly equalled if not exceeded by those of a single speculaior who bought heavily during the greatest depression. At the close there was evidently a better feeling, and by many operators it was believed that extreme prices had been reached. A well-known "bear" showed at the Windsor Hotel last evening a list of his purchases of certain stocks, which he declared were all for the "long" account. The fact was interpreted in different ways by persons who were terpreted in different ways by persons who were

SUSPENSION OF COAL DEALERS.

BINES AND SHEAFF, THE PHILADELPHIA RETAIL AGENTS OF THE READING COMPANY, SUSPEND

PHILADELPHIA, May 25 .- The coal firm of Bines & Sheaff, No. 114 South Fourth-st., the retail sales agents of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, temporarily suspended to-day. Paymenta company, which had been indorsed by Binis & Sheaff, and it was thought advisable to discontinue all payments until the status of such notes can be decided. The

uni. les & Sheaff have ten retail coal yards, including a large wharf on Windmill Island, where steamers are sup-plied. Their relations with the suspended [companies have been very intimate.

THE READING RECEIVERS ORGANIZING.1 PHILADELPHIA, May 25 .-- Messrs. Lewes, Gowen and Coldwell to-day filed their required bonds in the United States District Court and met for organization at the office of the company. There were present the three receivers and Messrs. John C. Bullitt, Samuel Dickson

and Messrs. John C. Bullitt, Samuel Dickson and Thomas Hart, ir. Messrs. Bullitt and Dickson representing Moses Taylor, upon whose petition the receivers were appointed, and Mr. Hart appearing as counsel for the Reading companies.

The receivers having organized appointed as secretaries Messrs. White and Foster, the present secretaries of the Reading Ruilroad Company and the Reading Coal and Iron Company. A form of notice was prepared for transmission to the officers, agents, employés and others concerned, announcing that the receivers had duly taken charge of the affairs of the two companies, and informing the present agents, &c., to continue in the performance of their usual duties until further notice. The receivers also gave orders for the immediate preparation of such statements and reports as will show as concisely and necurately as possible the exact condition of affairs the assets and liabilities of both companies, etc. The preparation of these reports and statements will be a work of considerable time.

THE STOCK DEPRESSION IN LONDON. LONDON, May 25 .- The Times in its financial

"There are several influences tending to increase the depression on the Stock Exchange. The approach of the fortnightity settlement causes weak operators for a rise, who are numerous, to sell out rather than face possibly heavy carrying over rates; there is also a good deal of vague uneasiness about the condition of the metal and produce markets. Losses are heard of in all directions, and rumor magnifies their importance and effect."

TRYING TO CRUSH TELEGRAPH RIVALRY.

UIT OF THE WESTERN UNION AGAINST THE AMER CAN UNION FOR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF THE PAGE PATENT. Suit was begun yesterday in the United States Circuit Court against the American Union Telegraph Company by the Western Union Telegraph Company for alleged infringement of the Page

patent. The suit is in its chief aspects similar to the one brought by Priscilla Page and the Western Union Telegraph Company against the Holmes Burglar Atarm Company, which was recently decided by Judge Blatchford in favor of the plaintiffs. In that suit an effort was made by several railroad corporations, before the finding of the decree, to have the decree so modified that it would not prejudice them in future litigation. This proposition, after an elaborate argument, was refused, and a decrewas ordered declaring that the defendant company had infringed the Page patent, and granting had infringed the Page patent, and granting an injunction. The matter was referred to a referee to assess damages. The report of the referce has not yet been made. During the argument the importance of the decree was dwelt upon, and it was asserted by counsel that if it were enforced it would involve the whole telegraph system of the country and would stop every railroad corporation that has telegraph lines from using them. The present suit is the first one arising out of the recent litigation, but it is understood that similar actions are to be brought against the Walbash, St. Louis and Pacific and the Union Pacific Railway Companies. The papers in the suit will be served to-day. served to-day.

SERENADE TO THEODORE THOMAS.

The Philharmonic Society serenaded Theodore Thomas between 12 and 1 o'clock this mornat the house of Julius Haligarten, No. 5 West Forty-niuth-st., where Mr. Thomas has been staying since his return from Cin-cinnati. A number of ladies and gentiemen connected with the Philharmonic attended. The orchestra was with the Philharmonic attended. The orchestra was under the lead of Professor Matckey, and the serenade opened with the overture to "Rienzi," by Wagner, which was followed by a selection from Bach, and the last movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Mr. Thomas will sail for Europe this morning on a pleasure trip of three or four months.

THREE BOYS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

NEWTON, N. J., May 25 .- Great excitement prevalis here over the trial of the boy murderers. Plerson Devoe and Lawrence Devoe stated to-day that they saw Campbell raise his hand, and immediately theresaw Campbell raise his hand, and immediately thereafter Washer feil to the ground; then they saw the three boys run. Plerson Devoe did not remember the day, month or year the assault took place. James Tumblety, eleven years of age, was called, and stated that he had followed Kane, Clark and Campbell, and at the time of the assault saw one of the three boys—thought it was Campbell—raise his hand; heard the blow, and saw Washer fall. This afternoon was entirely devoted to the examination of the three physicians who attended Mr. Washer, All agreed that death was caused by a fracture of the skuli, and that the weapon which caused the fracture was of stone or iron, and round in shape.

A WOMAN'S BRAVE DEFENCE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 25 .- In East Greenwich this morning a tramp entered the farm-house o Charles T. Hopkins, and when Mrs. Hopkins returned Charles T. Hopkins, and when Mrs. Hopkins returned after a brief absence she found him gathering up the silver. He turned upon her, threw her down and pounded her sheckingly, when she told him he could have the money which was in the house if he would let her get up. He relaxed his hold, when she selzed a loaded gun. The tramp tried to take it from her, but was unable. He then sprang from a window, when Mrs. Hopkins fired. He gave a scream, and fied to the woods. The brave woman is dangerously hurt.

DEATH OF MISS ALECIA JORDAN. CINCINNATI, May 25 .- Miss Alecia Jordan, a member of the dramatic company playing " Fun on Bristol," died here this morning.

#### FIERCE HEAT IN MAY.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

WHAT NEW-YORK ENDURED YESTERDAY. THE THERMOMETER REGISTERS 93° IN THE SHA -SUFFERING SOFTENED BY A BREEZE OF THE HEAT.

The unusually warm weather of the last few days culminated yesterday in a temperature much higher than for any corresponding day of May for many years. As early as 6 a. m. the mercury stood above 70°, and by noon it was above 80°. As the afternoon advanced the temperature increased, rec that hour stood at 93° in the shade,

Persons in the city were not astir long in the morning before they were conscious that an ex-tremely hot day was to be endured. In the narrow streets in the lower part of the city, there were many indications of the rise in the thermo Fan and umbrella merchants made their ag and readily found customers. Now and then a n was seen to dart into a hat store and respect in a straw hat. Pedestrians sought the shady side of the street; and the usually quick step was exchanged for a slow conservative pace. | Broadway in the afternoon presented the appearance is wears on a sultry day in midsummer. The stream of travel moved up and down on the west side of the street, leaving the other side almost descried. Omnibuses rattled along at a walking pace. The lemonade stands, which within the last week have

patronage from the passers-by.

The temperature in Nassau-st. at 1:30 p. m. was registered as 88124; a half hour later, in the vicinity of Washington Market, it lacked a fraction of a degree of 90°. At the Observatory in Central Park the thermometer at noon indicated 89°; at 1 p. m. in the sun, 140°, and at 3 p. m. in the shade the mercury was at 93°. Professor Daniel Draper stated that there was not so high a temperature last year until July 18, when the mercury rose to 94°. The record of the barometer showed little variation throughout the day.

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At Hudnut's pharmacy the mercury in the thermometer ranged from 70° to 94° between the hours of 3 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. At 9 a. m. it was 77°, and at noon 85°. From 6 p. m. to 9 there was only a decline of 7°, when the mercury indicated a temperature of 82°. There was only a fall of three or four degrees from this point until midnight. The average temperature of the day, according to these records, was a fraction over 80° in the shade. The maximum temperature for May 25, 1879, was 79° at 3:30 p. m., and the average temperature was 67½°.

At the United States Signal Service office in the

At the United States Signal Service office in the Equitable Building, it was stated that there was no storm centre anywhere in the country-an unusual state of things. The reports from the different States showed a general upward tendency in the temperature, with very little rain. The wind, which varied from southeast to southwest through out the day, freshened up a little during the afternoon. At 6 a. m. it was only blowing at the rate of four miles an hour; at 5 p. m. it was blowing at the rate of ten miles an bour. There was a slight rainfall at Chicago-about 4100 inches; and a heavy rain at Leavenworth, Kan. -179100 inches. A com-

parison of the reports of temperature from the dif-erent parts of the country is as follows: At 3 p. m. it was 90° at Albany; at Chicago, 73°; at Cincinnati, 86°; at Cleveland, 74°; at New-Or-leans, 73°; at Philadelphia, 92°; and at Pittsburg,

leans, 73°; at Philadelphia, 92°; and at Pittsburg, 91°.

The heat in Brooklyn yesterday was intense. Those whose work brought them out of doors on the level of the street, seemed to suffer the most. The horses on the street cars had an unusually hard time, since there was a great rush for the fresh air and green fields of the Park.

The mercury at 3 p. m. in Stapleton, S. I., marked 98° in the shade, the hottest weather known in May on Staten Island for many years. The farm hands at midday abandoned working in the sun when the mercury registered much over 100°. The Staten Island ferry-boats were crowded throughouse the day with persons who enjoyed the cool breezes of the bay. Apparently there is not the least moisture in the Staten Island soil for several feet below the surface and, as a consequence, the potato bugs are having matters their own way. The crops every where on the island are dying for lack of rain.

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The dryness and heat are the cause of great anxiety with the New-Jersey farmers. One of them in conversation with a TRIBUNE reporter, said that he expected a total failure of the cat crop. The stalks were only an inch or two high, and had not shown the least growth in the last three weeks.

PROSTRATED BY HEAT. The police of the Eighteenth Precinct reported yesterday that at half-past 2 o'clock, James Gatens, ge twenty-six years, of Twenty-ninth-st., was found at Lexington-ave, and Twenty-third-st., unconscious from a sunstroke. The police took him to

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William H. Deffenbank, age thirty-five a conductor, living in Flatbush, was overcome by the heat at 3:30 p. m., while he was in the station at Flatbush and Atlantic-aves. He was attended by Dr. Richardson, and was carried to his home.

The 32d Regiment, of Brooklyn, Colonel John Rueger commanding, was inspected yesterday foremoon. Several of the militiamen were obliged to leave the ranks on account of the extreme heat.

Barbara Malone, age thirty-seven, at work at No. 403 East Twenty-third-st., was overcome by the heat last evening, and was sent to Bellevue Hospital.

CYCLONE IN DAKOTA WITH LOSS OF LIFE. MITCHELL, D. T., May 25 .- A cyclone passed through this place at about 7 o'clock this evening much damage to persons and property. Jacob Luther, of New-Alamakee, Iowa, and Henry Smith, a boy of Kane County, Ill., were killed, and Frederick Francis, of Dakota, Iowa, Mr. Phelps, of Kane, Ill., and Fritz Budd, were badly wounded. William H. Moth, of Columbus, Wis., was also injured. Many building were blown down in this village, which contains 600 in-habitants, all of the buildings having been built this Spring. Most of the farm buildings near the fown were blown to pieces, but the extent of the damage outside of the town is yet unknown.

HOT WEATHER UP THE HUDSON. RONDOUT, N. Y., May 25 .- The thermometer indicates 98° in the shade. Seefreitz, a carman, was fatally sunstruck this afternoon.

# ABUNDANT RAIN IN VIRGINIA.

PETERSBURG, Va., May 25 .- During the past two days this section of the State has been visited by the heaviest rains that have fallen for many months, bring ing great relief to the growing crops, especially corn and oats, which were greatly damaged by the protracted drouth All farming operations have been greatly retarded by the drouth, and in many instances farmers, in order to keep plants alive, have been compelled to water them with spring water.

SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

St. Louis, May 25 .- The American Society of Civil Engineers met in convention this morning. Captain James B. Ends, of St. Louis, was elected pre-siding officer, and William P. Shinn, also of St. Louis, vice-chairman. A paper on the Hudson River tunnel now in process of construction between New-York and New Jersey, prepared by Spellman and Brust, engineers in charge, was read and discussed, and a paper on the location of the Chimpati Tunnel in Peru, by O. P. Nekola, was read.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH. ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A CONVICT.

SING SING, N. Y., May 25.—John Tierney, yiet, attempted suicide last night by cutting his thre win recover.

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KILLED ON THE TRACK.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., May 25.—Edward Tobey, a wholesale butcher, was killed last night by a locomotive while crossing the rairoad track near Bridge-at.

A WOMAN HELD ON THE CHABGE OF MURDER. SPRINGFIELD, Mars., May 25.—Justace Fuller, of Westfield, to-day held, without bail, Mrs. W. F. Bromley, of Russel, charged with murdering her stepson.

KILLED IN A STUNE QUARRY.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. May 25.—O. O. John on, formerly a corporal in the Fenton Guarda, was instantly killed yearchay, while blasting in a quarry at fillinows, Pean.

BUDSON, N. Y., May 25.—Charles Jackson, age six, was stolen by two men in a wagon, near the Chittender, schoolhouse in Stocknort, this afternoon. The bop had light salved and a fair complexion, and his clothing was of a light color.

TWO DEATHS FROM GABOLINE.

PIQUA, Ohio, May 25.—At 6 o'clock this morning a barrel of rasoline exploded in the cellar of the residence of Mrs. Dr. Jones. The house immediately energia from and outcome, perished. Mis Kato Newland, aster of invalous, and Ms. Fred Amendt were severely but not fatally burned. The poss of property is \$10,000.